



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR
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StaO 1752.2

Chaplain

15 JUL 1999

STATION ORDER 1752.2

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) MIRAMAR PROCEDURES FOR
ASSISTING MILITARY MARRIAGES

Ref: (a) MCO 1752.3B
(b) CMC White Letter No. 4-93 dtd 11 May 93

Encl: (1) PREP Schedule 1999

1. General. Council on Families in America provides statistics on marriages in America. Their estimate is that 60% of marriages in America will end in divorce or permanent separation. Their study goes on to show that the destructive impact of divorce is not only experienced by the husband and wife, but children are also devastated. There is no question that family well-being has direct impact on a Marine or Sailor's performance at work. Therefore, there is a need to take the initiative and aggressively work toward resolving this problem with a preventative approach.

a. The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP), developed by Dr. Howard Markman of the University of Denver, will be utilized to lessen and prevent marital strife, abuse and divorce. Helpful to engaged couples, the program is most effective for couples married a year or more. Married Marines and their spouses are encouraged to attend a PREP seminar. All married Station personnel under age 25, E-1 to E-5, O-1 and O-2 will be required to participate in PREP.

b. PREP. The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program is an educational based, skills-training approach to marriage enrichment.

(1) Overview. PREP was designed to counteract the rising divorce rate in our country. Research has shown that as couples learn to communicate and resolve conflicts in their relationship, the subsequent result will be greater marital satisfaction, decreased abuse and lower divorce rates.

(2) Mission. This mission of PREP is to provide tools necessary for couples to communicate effectively and handle conflict constructively, thus preventing domestic violence and divorce. Additionally, the program helps to increase command awareness and education of all service members and their families

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about the causes, risk factors, consequences, and resources available for the prevention and treatment of family violence.

(3) Referral. This program is particularly appropriate for couples who are engaged or recently married since their unseasoned coping skills leave them susceptible to loss of emotional control and violent episodes damaging to their marital harmony. PREP is also very valuable for couples who have experienced a change in their patterns of interaction because of new family members or a lengthy separation.

2. Cancellation. StaO 1752.1.

3. Action

a. Scheme of Prevention. Since PREP is the most effective tool in combating the conditions associated with domestic strife and violence, this program will be made available to all Station personnel who meet the criteria for this program.

(1) Station chaplains will seize every opportunity to raise awareness of the principles and benefits of PREP for station personnel.

(2) Station couples will join 3rd MAW couples for the MCAS Miramar PREP seminars.

b. Commanding Officer, H&HS and Department Heads. To assist married personnel in dealing with problem issues, use the following measures:

(1) Ensure that all service members under age 25, E-1 to E-5, O-1 and O-2, who are engaged or newly married, participate in the PREP training provided by the station and wing chaplains.

(2) Identify and assist couples to contact the command chaplain's office for scheduling of PREP.

(3) Ensure that those sent to PREP seminars are processed and give no-cost TAD orders for those days of training.

c. Chaplains. As Program Managers for PREP, chaplains assigned to MCAS Miramar will be the focus of effort and will provide the following:

(1) Obtain the required program material for the workshops.

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(2) Conduct PREP orientation for Commanders, Officer in Charge (OIC's), Sergeants Major/First Sergeants and Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC's).


(3) Ensure that a trained PREP counselor is available to conduct the seminar.

(4) Ensure PREP workshops lasting two working days in length will be offered on a regular basis at MCAS Miramar.

d. Family Readiness Officer. Provide assistance as needed to support PREP, to include advertising and promoting the PREP workshop.

e. Family Support Plan. All couples attending PREP will be briefed about the educational and family support services offered by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS). All service members who qualify under MCCS guidelines will attend the stress and anger management courses to help avoid those conditions that facilitate domestic violence.

4. Certification. Reviewed and approved this date.


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Encl: (1) New page insert to StaO 1752.2

1. Purpose. To transmit a new page insert to the basic Order.
2. Action. Remove Enclosure (1) of the basic Order and replace it with the corresponding page contained in the enclosure.
3. Filing Instructions. File this Change transmittal directly behind the signature page of the basic Order.


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1. Purpose. To direct pen changes to the basic Order.
2. Action
 - a. On the letterhead page delete "Encl: (1) PREP Schedule 1999."
 - b. On the letterhead page, paragraph 1, last sentence add "as per references (a) and (b)" after the word "approach."
 - c. On page 2, paragraph 3b(3) change the word "give" to read "given."
 - c. On page 2, paragraph 3c(4), delete the words "lasting two working days in length." Same sentence change the words "will be" to read "are."
 - d. Remove Enclosure (1).
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